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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR GOR'S SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL'S REQUEST FOR

INCLUSION IN EUROPEAN REGION

REF: STATE 223298

1. POL CHIEF CALLED ON ROMANIAN MFA IO ACTING CHIEF MARIN ALEXIE SEPTEMBER 16 TO MAKE DEMARCHE REFTEL. EMBOFF PARTICULARLY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF RESOLUTION OF ISRAELI INCLUSION IN EUROPEAN REGION TO U.S. RELATIONS WITH UNESCO, JOINT U.S.-GOR INTEREST IN DEPOLITICIZING UNESCO AND SIMILAR TECHNICAL AGENCIES, CONSTRUCTIVE NATURE OF UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD RECOMMENDATION, AFRICAN INTEREST IN CONTRIBUTING TO FIRST UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE HELD ON AFRICAN SOIL, POSSIBILITY OF MOVE TO SPLIT EUROPEAN REGION INTO WESTERN AND EASTERN COMPONENTS, AND GOR "ABSENCE" ON 1974 GENERAL CONFERENCE VOTE ON ISRAEL. EMBOFF ALSO ASSURED ALEXIE OF U.S. SUPPORT FOR LIPATTI'S CANDIDACY FOR UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD, BUT NOTED THAT GOR SHOULD NOT CONCLUDE THIS WAS QUID PRO QUO FOR ROMANIAN SUPPORT ON

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ISRAELI ISSUE.

2. ALEXIE WAS OBVIOUSLY DELIGHTED AT U.S. SUPPORT FOR LIPATTI AND THANKED US HEARTILY. ON SUBSTANCE OF ISRAELI ISSUE, HE PROMISED TO BRING OUR DEMARCHE TO ATTENTION OF HIS SUPERIORS AND OTHER INTERESTED OFFICES, AS WELL AS GOR'S UNESCO DELEGATION, AND WE MAY RECEIVE A FORMAL REPLY. NEVERTHELESS, ALEXIE STATED THAT GOR AGREES IN PRINCIPLE WITH U.S. POSITION THAT NO MEMBER SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM FULL PARTICIPATION IN UN AGENCIES, AND GOR "ABSENCE" AT LAST GENERAL CONFERENCE VOTE WAS AN INDICATION OF THAT POSITION. EMBOFF COUNTERED THAT WE HOPED THIS TIME GOR COULD BE EVEN MORE FORTHCOMING AND ACTIVELY SUPPORT EXECUTIVE BOARD RECOMMENDATION AND INCLUSION OF ISRAEL IN EUROPEAN GROUP.

3. COMMENT: GIVEN GOR'S ACTIVE COURTSHIP OF THIRD WORLD AND NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, ALEXIE SEEMED PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED BY ARGUMENT THAT MANY AFRICAN STATES AND OTHER THIRD WORLDERS SEEK A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE AT NAIROBI. MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO HAVE FRIENDLY AFRICAN STATE UNDERLINE THIS POINT TO GOR, IN CONTEXT OF ISRAELI EXCLUSION FROM UNESCO REGIONAL GROUP, EITHER IN BUCHAREST OR IN PARIS.

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